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RYAN KENNEDY				THE CHEF'S KINGDOM, INC. AND ANGEL SANCHEZ-PEREZ				
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#### **DESIGNATION FORM**

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RYAN KENNEDY : 3011 Old Rodgers Road : Bristol, PA 19007 :	CIVIL ACTION No
Plaintiff,	
v. :	
THE CHEF'S KINGDOM, INC.  1 Alpine Court Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977 :	
and :	
ANGEL SANCHEZ-PEREZ  2 Carlton Road, Apt. 1  Monsey, NY 10952	
Defendants. :	

#### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, Ryan Kennedy ("Mr. Kennedy" or "Plaintiff"), through his undersigned attorney, brings the following Complaint against the above-captioned Defendants.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff is an adult individual, citizen, resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a home address of 3011 Old Rodgers Road, Bristol, PA 19007.
- 2. Defendant, The Chef's Kingdom, Inc. ("Chef's Kingdom"), is, upon information and belief, a corporation, partnership or other business entity in the State of New York, with a

principal place of business, place of incorporation and citizenship of 1 Alpine Court, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

3. Defendant, Angel Sanchez-Perez ("Mr. Sanchez-Perez"), is, upon information and belief, an adult individual, citizen, resident and domiciliary of the State of New York, with a home address of 2 Carlton Road, Apt. 1, Monsey, NY 10952.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. Jurisdiction is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1332 as Plaintiff is a citizen, resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Chef's Kingdom is a corporation, partnership or other business entity with a place of incorporation, principal place of business of and citizenship of the State of New York and Mr. Sanchez-Perez is a citizen, resident and domiciliary of the State of New York.
- 5. There is, therefore, complete diversity between all Plaintiffs and all Defendants.
- 6. The amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest, fees and costs.
- 7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (2), as the personal injuries that are the subject of this litigation occurred in Philadelphia, PA, within this District.

#### **FACTS**

- 8. On September 2, 2020, Mr. Kennedy was severely injured when Mr. Sanchez-Perez negligently struck his vehicle from behind while Mr. Kennedy was stopped in traffic on I-95 northbound at mile marker 25.0 in Philadelphia, PA.
- 9. At the time of the collision, Mr. Sanchez-Perez was in the course and scope of

- employment with Chef's Kingdom.
- 10. Under Pennsylvania law, 75 Pa.C.S.A.§1705(d)(1)(ii), in light of Mr. Sanchez-Perez's vehicle being registered in the State of New York, Mr. Kennedy is bound by the full-tort option in this case.
- 11. Such violent collision caused Mr. Kennedy to a) sustain the permanent injuries described below, that have caused his body to not heal or function normally with further medical treatment; and b) suffer significant financial harm.

# <u>COUNT ONE – NEGLIGENCE</u> Plaintiff v. Defendant, Chef's Kingdom

- 12. Plaintiff incorporates, by reference, the foregoing paragraphs, as though set forth fully herein.
- 13. As the direct and proximate cause of Chef's Kingdom's negligence as stated above, Mr. Kennedy has suffered severe permanent physical injury, disfigurement and financial loss.
- 14. The injuries that Mr. Kennedy has sustained are permanent in nature. Mr. Kennedy has suffered great physical and mental pain and anguish, and in all reasonable probability, will continue to suffer in this manner for a long time in the future, if not for the balance of his natural life.
- 15. As a further result of the above negligent acts committed by Chef's Kingdom, Mr. Kennedy has incurred and will continue to incur substantial medical expenses for medical care and attention and will continue to incur additional medical expenses into the foreseeable future.
- 16. As a further result of the above negligent acts committed by Chef's Kingdom, Mr. Kennedy has incurred and will continue to incur substantial financial harm due to vehicular property damage.

- 17. In addition, Mr. Kennedy has suffered other economic injury and will likely continue to suffer such economic injury.
- 18. Chef's Kingdom, vicariously, through its agent/employee/authorized representative, Mr. Sanchez-Perez, operated its vehicle in such a careless and/or negligent manner as to have caused the aforesaid collision to occur.
- 19. Chef's Kingdom had a duty to Mr. Kennedy to not employ individuals who would operate its vehicle in such a careless and/or negligent manner.
- 20. Chef's Kingdom breached said duty, as set forth below.
- 21. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts, omissions, carelessness, and/or negligence on the part of Chef's Kingdom, Mr. Kennedy suffered severe personal injuries; has been and will be in the future, made to endure great pain and suffering, both physical and mental in nature, has been and will be in the future required to expend great sums of money for medical services; has been and will be in the future prevented from attending to his regular activities, duties and responsibilities; has been and will in the future be made to suffer lost earnings and other pecuniary loss.
- 22. The aforesaid accident was caused by the negligence and/or carelessness of Chef's Kingdom because it, itself, and/or, vicariously, through its agent/employee/authorized representative, Mr. Sanchez-Perez:
  - a. Failed to keep its vehicle under control at all relevant times;
  - b. Caused its vehicle to be driven at an excessive speed under the circumstances;
  - c. Violated the Assured Clear Distance Ahead Rule;
  - d. Disregarded traffic signals and signs;
  - e. Failed to keep a proper lookout;
  - f. Violently struck Plaintiff's vehicle from behind;

- g. Was driving in distracted fashion;
- h. Negligently hired Mr. Sanchez-Perez;
- i. Negligently trained Mr. Sanchez-Perez;
- Negligently caused/forced Mr. Sanchez-Perez to drive its vehicle when he was in an unfit physical and/or mental condition to do so;
- k. Caused its vehicle to be in an unsafe condition; and
- 1. Otherwise failed to exercise due care under the circumstances.
- 23. As the result of the above-referenced accident, Mr. Kennedy suffered painful and serious injuries, including, but not limited to:
  - a. disc herniation at C5-6;
  - b. tears of the supraspinatus and infraspinatus tendons;
  - c. disc bulge at L3-4;
  - d. radiculopathy at C5 and L5;
  - e. other radiculopathy;
  - f. cervicalgia;
  - g. nerve damage throughout his body;
  - h. strains, sprains, disc bulges and disc herniations throughout his body, the extent of which is presently unknown;
  - i. torn ligaments and tendons throughout his body, the extent of which is presently unknown;
  - i. head injuries, the extent of which is presently unknown; and
  - k. emotional harm, the extent of which is presently unknown.
- 24. As a result of such accident, Mr. Kennedy has incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur said medical expenses for an indefinite time into the future.

- 25. As a result of such accident, Mr. Kennedy has incurred unreimbursed property loss/damages and will continue to incur said expenses for an indefinite time into the future.
- 26. As a result of such accident, Mr. Kennedy suffered grievous pain and suffering and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time into the future.
- 27. As a result of such accident, Mr. Kennedy has suffered lost wages, and will suffer a loss of future earnings capacity.
- 28. As a further result of such accident, Mr. Kennedy has suffered and will continue to suffer a loss of life's pleasures.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, Ryan Kennedy, demands judgment against the Defendant, The Chef's Kingdom, Inc., in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00, plus costs, fees and whatever additional relief that this Honorable Court deems just and appropriate.

# <u>COUNT TWO – NEGLIGENCE</u> Mr. Kennedy v. Defendant, Angel Sanchez-Perez

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates, by reference, the foregoing paragraphs, as though set forth fully herein.
- 30. As the direct and proximate cause of Mr. Sanchez-Perez's negligence as stated above, Mr. Kennedy has suffered severe permanent physical injury and financial loss.
- 31. The injuries that Mr. Kennedy has sustained are permanent in nature. Mr. Kennedy has suffered great physical and mental pain and anguish, and in all reasonable probability, will continue to suffer in this manner for a long time in the future, if not for the balance of his natural life.
- 32. As a further result of the above negligent acts committed by Defendant, Mr. Kennedy has

incurred and will continue to incur substantial medical expenses for medical care and attention and will continue to incur additional medical expenses into the foreseeable future.

- 33. As a further result of the above negligent acts committed by Mr. Sanchez-Perez, Mr. Kennedy has incurred and will continue to incur substantial financial harm due to vehicular property damage.
- 34. In addition, Mr. Kennedy has suffered other economic injury and will likely continue to suffer such economic injury.
- 35. Mr. Sanchez-Perez operated his vehicle in such a careless and/or negligent manner as to have caused the aforesaid collision to occur.
- 36. Mr. Sanchez-Perez had a duty to Mr. Kennedy to not operate his vehicle in such a careless, and/or negligent manner.
- 37. Mr. Sanchez-Perez breached said duty, as set forth below.
- 38. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts, omissions, carelessness, and/or negligence on the part of Mr. Sanchez-Perez, Mr. Kennedy suffered severe personal injuries; has been and will be in the future, made to endure great pain and suffering, both physical and mental in nature, has been and will be in the future required to expend great sums of money for medical services; has been and will be in the future prevented from attending to his regular activities, duties and responsibilities; has been and will in the future be made to suffer lost earnings and other pecuniary loss.
- 39. The aforesaid accident was caused by the negligence and/or carelessness of Mr. Sanchez-Perez because he:
  - a) Failed to keep his vehicle under control at all relevant times;
  - b) Was driving at an excessive speed under the circumstances;

- c) Violated the Assured Clear Distance Ahead Rule;
- d) Disregarded traffic signals and signs;
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Ryan Kennedy, demands judgment against the Defendant,

Angel Sanchez-Perez, in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00, plus costs, fees and whatever

additional relief that this Honorable Court deems just and appropriate.

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By: /s/ ASB3587

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: September 7, 2021

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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THE CHEF'S KINGDOM, INC. 1 Alpine Court Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977	: : : :
and	:
ANGEL SANCHEZ-PEREZ 2 Carlton Road, Apt. 1 Monsey, NY 10952	: : : :
Defendants.	: :

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, Ryan Kennedy, hereby demands a trial by twelve (12) jurors.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BARRIST FIRM, LLC

By: /s/ ASB3387

Adam S. Barrist, Esq. THE BARRIST FIRM, LLC P.O. Box 1820 Media, PA 19063

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: September 7, 2021